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CONGRESSIONAL REFORMS.

The National House of Representatives had the Legislative Appropriation bill under consideration yesterday, and the necessity of retrenchment and reform in Congressional expenditures was forcibly illustrated by several statements and propositions made during the discussion it elicited.

At a meeting of the Philadelphia delegation on the same day, they resolved by a vote of eleven to three to report favorably on the bill introduced by Mr. Cloud, which provides that the people of this city shall decide by vote, next October, where the municipal buildings shall be located.

Mr. Hong also offered, at the same session, a bill providing that a new commission shall be appointed with authority to erect "public buildings for the accommodation of all the courts and the municipal chambers, with all appropriate offices," upon Penn Square.

Although these propositions are somewhat contradictory in their character, they are indicative of a strong feeling of hostility to the continuance of the operations of the Independence Square Commission, and if they are energetically followed up its labors will soon cease.

It would be manifestly unwise and unjust to impose upon the community the heavy burdens involved in the erection of the proposed structures before the public wishes in regard to their location are clearly ascertained, and ample opportunities should be given for a free expression of the existing hostility to the programme which has been hastily and inconsiderately adopted.

MORTON'S NEUTRALITY. SENATOR MORTON yesterday introduced a bill in the National Senate making it a misdemeanor to fit out or equip ships of war, or to sell or furnish arms, with the intent that they shall be employed in the service of any foreign prince or State to commit hostilities against the people of the province, district, or colony who are in a state of armed insurrection against such foreign prince or State, and providing for the forfeiture of such ship or vessel.

A "NATIONAL" ENTERPRISE. NASHVILLE, or the merchants of Nashville, to speak more precisely, propose to erect a "national" monument to the memory of that Christian soldier and unflinching patriot, Stonewall Jackson. Monuments are good things to have in the country on general principles, as we have often demonstrated; and when they are intended to commemorate the virtues and services of such pre-eminently "national" personages as Stonewall Jackson, it is fitting that they should be decidedly "national" in their character, which means simply that the subscriptions should be from all parts of the country.

THE INTERVIEWING PROCESS has been run into the ground by a New York paper, which has been unable to find a more dignified character than a cock-fighter of "high on six and thirty years" standing to interview. As might have been expected, some startling facts were developed. One was to the effect that Henry Bergh, the philanthropic President of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, is a "superannuated old thief," which would distress Mr. Bergh's friends not a little. But the most important item elicited was that "roosters ain't animals," and the interviewer was challenged to cite where he could find "anything in the Scripser, or any other book, that says they are." The bearing of this upon the vegetarian system of diet should not be lost sight of.

VIRGINIA POLITICS.

Political complexion of the Legislature—Work to be Done—The Road to the Colored People. RICHMOND, Feb. 9.—In view of the fact that the meeting of the Virginia Legislature on Tuesday is the reappearance of this body, after six years' absence, with the exception of its phantom sitting in '67, one is surprised to find so much apathy in the public mind regarding it.

It is impossible to determine how parties will divide, though it is generally agreed that the first three weeks of the session will finish the lines drawn. The election of Judges, however, will not draw them, for the tidal wave of log-rolling will blend all the little streamlets so that they cannot be defined. To-day, upon the streets, and in the hotels, the electioneering for the Judgeship is very lively.

The Republican party now forming with such leaders as Senator Lewis and Representatives Platt, Miles, Booker, Ayer and Gentry, instead of the indiscreet and weak leaders it has heretofore had, will make a larger gap in conservative ranks than the conservatives themselves dream of or the Republicans even hope for.

It is in the ranks of the men who are to become prominent in the body. On the Republican side the noiseless leader is Judge or Senator Thomas, of Henry county. Of short stature, snail complexion, overhanging eyebrows, and a heavy nose, he is a man who gives the law to his party in a utterly unimpassioned, but a voice that commands the instant and afterwards patient attention of both parties.

The first business will be the election of State Auditors, Treasurer, and Secretary. The Secretary of State, it appears agreed, will be James McDonald, for many years editor of the Richmond Whig, for Treasurer, George Rye, of Shenandoah, and for First Auditor, William F. Taylor, of Richmond. The Judges of the Supreme Court are likely to come next, and the fourteenth amendment will make the choice very difficult.

THE TAX RAISING MEANS for paying back interest, and the settlement with West Virginia about her share of the debts, are subjects that will receive early attention. The session will last, it is thought, about six months.

THE EMIGRATION of the colored people to the South is already recognized as a serious matter for this State. I learn from a gentleman engaged in the business for the last six months that the number he carried out of the State was 3000. This was sent to Alabama and Louisiana. This is only one return, and the State is swarming with agents from the South who are driving just as thriving a business. It is estimated that since July last 20,000 colored men have gone South, leaving the women and children here with us.

THE SUPREME COURT.—It appears to be generally conceded that Mr. Joseph P. Bradley, of New Jersey, whose name was recently sent to the Senate by the President for the vacancy on the Bench of the Supreme Court caused by the death of Justice Wayne, of Georgia, will encounter the same fate that awaited Attorney-General Hoar's nomination for the same position. It is true that the Attorney-General is not in good standing with many Senators, who allege that he is lacking in some of the elements which go towards rounding out the character of a gentleman, and his rejection was undoubtedly due in some measure to this circumstance.

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SPECIAL NOTICES. READY-MADE FURNISHING CLOTHING. GOODS. JOHN WANAMAKER. NOS. 318 AND 320 CHESTNUT ST.

THE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA. The Directors have this day declared a dividend of SIX PER CENT on the amount of the stock held by the Company as collateral security for loans, with margins of 15 to 20 per cent.

JAMES M. SCOVEL, LAWYER. FOR COLLECTIONS—CLAIMS OVER OWN HUNDRED DOLLARS, FIVE PER CENT.

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NOTICE—APPLICATION WILL BE MADE to the City Treasurer for new certificates for the following City six per cent. loans, free from all taxes: Certificate No. 15,000, Loan No. 34, dated November 23, 1867, \$50,000.

LOST CERTIFICATES.—NOTICE IS hereby given that application has been made for new Certificates of the Loan of the Grand Lodge of F. and A. Masons of Pennsylvania, in place of Nos. 23 and 24, for two hundred dollars each, issued to the Trustees of Franklin Lodge No. 124 A. Y. M. the same having been lost or stolen, and such new Certificates will be issued unless cause be shown on or before March, 1870.

FISHER & BROTHER'S VALENTINES. 39 S. 2d St. FISHER & BROTHERS, No. 2 N. SIXTH ST.

INSURANCE. RETURN OF THE ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF LIVERPOOL. Of the Affairs of that Company to Auditor General of Pennsylvania, June 30, 1869.

Table with columns: Amount of assessments of instalments on stock paid in cash, The value as nearly as may be of the Real Estate held by the Company is, Cash on hand and in Bank of Liverpool, Cash in hands of Agents in course of transmission, etc.

Table with columns: Cash premium received, Interest received from investments, Income from all other sources, Income, Fire Branch, etc.

Table with columns: Losses paid during the year, Expenses declared during the year, Expenses paid during the year, including commissions and fees paid to agents and officers of the Company, taxes, etc.

INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA. INCORPORATED 1794. CHARTER PERPETUAL. CAPITAL \$500,000. ASSETS \$2,783,581.

Table with columns: Receipts of Premiums, Interest from Investments, Losses paid, etc.

Table with columns: First Mortgages on City Property, United States Government and other Loan Bonds, Cash in Bank and Office, etc.

ARTHUR G. COFFIN, PRESIDENT. CHARLES PLATT, VICE-PRESIDENT. MATTHIAS MARIS, Secretary. C. H. REEVE, Assistant Secretary.

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UNION MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA. INCORPORATED 1864. FIRE, MARINE, AND INLAND INSURANCE.

Table with columns: Marine Premiums written during the year ending January 1, 1870, Marine Premiums not earned January 1, 1869, etc.

Table with columns: Earned Premiums during the year ending as above, Marine, Fire, Interest on investments, etc.

Table with columns: STATEMENT OF THE ASSETS OF THE COMPANY, JANUARY 1, 1870. Bonds, City of Philadelphia Six per cent. Bonds, Camden and Amboy Railroad Six per cent. Bonds, etc.

Table with columns: DIRECTORS: RICHARD S. SMITH, S. DELBERT, A. B. BORIE, SOLOMON TOWNSEND, JOHN H. IRWIN, J. S. PEROT, NEWBERRY A. SMITH, JOHN MOSS, WILLIAM W. GIBSON, LEMUEL COFFIN, H. C. CUMMINGS, J. H. TILGE, W. D. WINSTON, CHARLES L. CLARK, JAMES L. BRAWLEY, SAMUEL C. COOK, CHARLES D. REED, WILLIAM S. BAIRD, ISAAC HOUGH, CHARLES WIEBEL, CHARLES R. MORGAN.

Table with columns: CAPITAL \$500,000, ASSETS \$2,783,581, Losses Paid since organization \$23,000,000.

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